

WELCOME TO THE 2009 STATE FAIR!



Indiana has a proud agricultural heritage few states can rival. The same can be said about our Great Indiana State Fair, which this year celebrates its 153rd anniversary. After near-record breaking attendance in recent years, I am excited to announce this year's State Fair will run for 17 days, the longest in state history, to provide Hoosiers with more entertainment and educational opportunities that will provide lifelong memories for all.

My wife, Cheri, and I have always loved the State Fair. This year, we're happy to be celebrating the YEAR OF TOMATOES and the important economic impact the tomato industry plays on the state, contributing more than \$43 million to the Hoosier economy each year. Indiana

ranks second in the nation in the production of tomatoes for processing with over 294,000 tons of tomatoes being processed in the state in 2007. Did you know Indiana plants more than 10,000 acres of tomatoes each year?

For the fifth consecutive year, Cheri will be leading the Heartland Walk for Health (August 15), and I hope you'll take time to join her on the two-lap walk around the Fairgrounds to help raise awareness about heart disease. I also expect her to try and regain the title in the Celebrity Milking Contest (August 19).

I hope you'll take some time to enjoy some of the special events planned this year, including taking a walk through the Indiana State Fair Covered Bridge and celebrate a variety of historical aspects of Hoosier living during Hoosier Heritage Day August 13. There's never a shortage of things to see, do and taste at the Great Indiana State Fair. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Mitch Daniels

Gov. Mitch Daniels



2009 INDIANA STATE FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FRONT ROW (left to right): Steve Patterson, Anne Valentine (Governor Daniels Rep.), Diana Kuhn, Mark Merkel (President), Cynthia Hoyer (Executive Director), Steve Simmerman, Roger Hale; **SECOND ROW** (left to right): Anne Hazlett (Department of Agriculture Director), Jim Lankford, Bill Leininger, John Tarr, Paul Graf, Al Polin, Dr. Charles Hibberd (Director of Purdue Cooperation Extension Services); **BACK ROW** (left to right): Lynette Walter, M. Bryan Messersmith, Bud Krohn, Jr., Dick Crum

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GENERAL INFORMATION

MORE DAYS...MORE FUN AT THE 2009 INDIANA STATE FAIR - AUGUST 7-23

Is there anyone who doesn't want summer to last a little longer? This year it will at least seem a little longer because the Great Indiana State Fair is longer! For the first time, the Indiana State Fair is 17 days (five more days than previous years) and extends over three weekends, which means you have more opportunities to be part of the state's largest event.

GENERAL FAIR HOURS:

Gates Open Daily: 8 am; 6 am on Saturday, August 15

Gates Close: Admission tickets will no longer be accepted/sold after 9:00 pm (Sun.-Thurs.) and 9:30 pm (Fri. & Sat.)

DAILY BUILDING HOURS:

Pioneer Village	8 am - 9 pm
Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion	9 am - 6 pm
Farm Bureau Building	9 am - 7 pm
Home & Family Arts Building	9 am - 8 pm
FFA Pavilion	9 am - 8 pm
Pioneer Village Information Booth	9 am - 8 pm
State Fair Blvd. Information Booth	9 am - 9 pm
Administration Building	9 am - 9 pm
Exhibit Buildings	9 am - 9 pm
4-H Education Complex, Ball State Ag/Hort Building, DNR Building, Grand Hall, Pioneer Our Land Pavilion	
Riley Fun Park	10 am - 7 pm
Normandy Barn & Greenhouse	10 am - 7 pm
Toyota Exposition Hall	10 am - 9 pm

ADMISSION PRICES

General Admission. \$8 Discount Tickets. \$7

Children 5 and under. FREE For more information, call (317) 927-7500 or visit us at www.indianastatefair.com

Discount tickets can be purchased at:

Indiana Walmart stores • CVS/pharmacy stores • Indiana Farm Bureau offices • The Marten House Hotel • Indiana State Fairgrounds Ticket Office • www.IndianaStateFair.com until August 5.

WHEELCHAIR, STROLLER, WAGON & ELECTRIC CART RENTAL

Limited quantities are available inside Gate 1 on 38th Street, in front of the Grand Hall and inside Gate 12. Open 9 am to 10:30 pm. Call (317) 927-7500 for more information.

Stroller. \$9	Wheelchair. \$15
Wagon. \$13	Electric Cart. \$45

August 7-23, 2009

MORE DAYS • MORE FUN!



GRAB A MIDWAY WRISTBAND & \$AVE A BUNDLE!

The Indiana State Fair midway, provided by North American Midway Entertainment, is a whirlwind of fun and memories. And who wouldn't remember saving money while having a great time? Our many wristband specials will help you do just that! Just visit the midway during one of our specials to \$ave and smile at the same time.

Ride ALL the rides ALL you want during these SPECIAL HOURS:

Friday, August 7	Midnight Madness	7 pm – Midnight	\$25
Monday, August 10	Family Day	Noon – 6 pm	\$25
Tuesday, August 11	Family Day	Noon – 6 pm	\$25
Wednesday, August 12	Family Day	Noon – 6 pm	\$25
Thursday, August 13	Family Day	Noon – 6 pm	\$25
Friday, August 14	Midnight Madness	7 pm – Midnight	\$25
Monday, August 17	Munchkins Midway (Kiddie Rides only)	Noon – 4 pm	\$15
Tuesday, August 18	Family Day	Noon – 6 pm	\$25
Wednesday, August 19	Ride Survival	Noon – 10 pm	\$25
Thursday, August 20	Family Day	Noon – 6 pm	\$25
Friday, August 21	Midnight Madness	7 pm – Midnight	\$25
Sunday, August 23	Last Blast	Noon – 10 pm	\$25

MIDWAY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday: Noon - 11pm ★ Fridays: Noon - Midnight
Saturdays: 11am - Midnight ★ Sundays: 11am - 11pm (10 pm Aug. 23)

SPECIAL PRICING & DISCOUNTS!

INDIANA STATE FAIR VALUE COUPON

BOOK: Save money on everything from corn dogs to sunglasses by purchasing this book of coupons for just \$5. More than \$100 in deals and discounts are being offered by dozens of fair vendors. The books are available in the Tomato Patch Gift Shop presented by Red Gold or online at www.indianastatefair.com.

FREE LOTTERY TICKET: On Sunday, Aug. 8, all guests at least 18 years old can redeem their fair admission ticket stub for a free lottery ticket from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at either the two Hoosier Lottery Booths at the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand or on the north side near Farmers Blvd.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS IN THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR: On Monday, Aug. 10, The Indianapolis Star will print a ticket good for free admission to the fair on the following Wednesday and Thursday of the fair, Aug. 12, 13. Watch The Star later that week for more surprises!

FREE ADMISSION FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES: The State Fair is honoring our current and former members of the Armed Forces by offering free admission for them and family members on Sunday, Aug. 16, with presentation of a military ID. Log onto www.indianastatefair.com for more information.

BMV CARLOAD DAY: Large families and groups of friends traveling to the fair together will want to take advantage of this great offer on Monday, Aug. 17. Admission is only \$15 per vehicle for up to 10 people with voucher printed from www.mybmvc.com.

\$2 TASTE OF THE STATE FAIR TUESDAY:

On Tuesday, Aug. 18, many concessionaires all over the fairgrounds will have \$2 samples available all day long!

TRACTOR SHUTTLE RIDE DISCOUNTS

FOR SENIORS: All seniors, age 55 and older, can ride the tractor shuttles around the Fairgrounds for just \$3/day when they purchase a special wristband at the State Fair Information Booths located in Pioneer Village and on State Fair Blvd. On Golden Hoosiers' Day, Aug. 18, seniors can ride the tractor shuttles for free!

FARMERS' DAY LUNCH DEAL FOR DOWNTOWN WORKERS: On Wednesday, Aug. 19 (Farmers' Day), downtown workers who take the IndyGo Route 39 bus for \$1.75 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. will receive free admission to the Fair through Gate 1A on 38th Street. For trip planning assistance, visit indygo.net or call (317) 635-3344.

FREE ADMISSION FOR STATE EMPLOYEES: All state employees are admitted to the fair for free on Thursday, Aug. 20, with the presentation of an employee ID card.

\$2 DISCOUNT WITH PEPSI PRODUCT

CAN: All visitors who bring any Pepsi brand can on the fair's final day, Sunday, Aug. 23, will receive \$2 off the gate admission.



GETTING HERE

The Indiana State Fair is located on the corner of East 38th Street and Fall Creek Parkway at 1202 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205. For specific directions to the State Fairgrounds, visit www.indianastatefair.com or call (317) 927-7500.

For up to the minute State Fair traffic information, tune to WIBC 93.1-FM, the Indiana State Fair's official traffic and information station.



BEST WAY DISPOSAL STATE FAIR PARKING

• FREE PARKING

There is plenty of free parking available on a first-come, first-served basis inside the Fairgrounds and at the Indiana School for the Deaf on 42nd Street.

• E-Z PARK

These \$5 lots are located south of 38th Street across from the Main Gate with an additional lot at Fall Creek Parkway and Keystone Avenue available on weekends (shuttle service to Fair entrance included).

• FREE STATE FAIR PARK & RIDE

When you park at Glendale Mall's Rural Street lot, you can ride the Indiana State Fair shuttle for FREE! The shuttle runs every 20 minutes from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day of the Fair.

• HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Accessible parking for persons with disabilities can be found just inside Gates 1, 6 and 16, as well as in the infield and at the Indiana School for the Deaf (across from Gates 12 and 16).

• PEDAL & PARK

Save \$1 off Fair admission when you bike to the State Fair and use one of the secured bike racks available on the Monon Trail at 38th Street from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Bikers must enter the Fair through Gate 18 on the Monon Trail.

WFMS FAIRTRAIN

Presented by the Indiana Transportation Museum, the FairTrain departs for a round-trip journey from Fishers on the northeast side of Indianapolis to the gates of the Indiana State Fair.

ROUND TRIP TICKETS

Adult: \$13 Child (2-under): FREE
Child (3-12): \$6

Parking may be reached by following the signs on 116th St. or 126th St. to Lantern Rd., south to Municipal Dr.



DEPARTURES

FISHERS	FAIRGROUNDS
8:45 am	9:30 am
10:15	11:00
11:45	12:30 pm
1:15 pm	2:00
2:45	3:30
4:15	5:00
5:45	6:30
7:15	8:00
8:45	9:30
10:15	11:00

For more information, call (317) 773-6000 or visit www.itm.org



SPECIAL SERVICES & REGULATIONS

ATM MACHINES: MOBILEMONEY ATM machines are located all around the Fairgrounds (check map in back). An additional National City ATM is on the front of the Administration Building.

FIRST AID: First Aid stations are located at three different Fairgrounds locations: the Hook's Historical Drug Store near the 38th Street Main Gate; the Public Safety Center just inside Gate 6 near Fall Creek Parkway; and on Trackside Parkway across from the FFA Pavilion.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS: The American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis supplies certified first-aid volunteers to provide immediate medical assistance in case of emergency. Call (317) 684-1441 or visit www.redcross-indy.org for more information.

MOTHERS' MILK BANK LACTATION STATIONS: Nursing mothers can feed their infants in the tent located near the Riley Fun Park's south entrance; on the north side near Celebration Park; inside the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion; and in front of Pioneer Hi-Bred Our Land Pavilion.



SHUTTLE SERVICE POWERED BY INDIANA SOYBEAN, OFFICIAL BIO-DEISEL SPONSOR OF THE STATE FAIR TRACTOR SHUTTLES: Jump on the tractor shuttles and take a lap around the Fairgrounds for just \$.75. Check the map in back for shuttle stop locations.

SMOKING POLICY: For the health of all visitors, smoking is permitted in outdoor designated areas only. Please look for the designated smoking stations located throughout the Fairgrounds.

ETC.: Animals not involved with State Fair exhibits or being used as service animals, alcohol and weapons are prohibited from the Fair. For more information, visit www.indianastatefair.com.

ENJOY THE FAIR...WASH YOUR HANDS ★ ★ ★

One of the best parts of the Indiana State Fair is getting close to all the different animals. The safest way to enjoy the animals is to make sure to wash your hands after each time you have contact with any of them. This is especially true for young children.

As you stroll around the fairgrounds, you will notice dozens of hand-sanitizing stations and restrooms. Please use these to keep your hands clean, especially if you are preparing to enjoy some of your favorite Fair foods. In fact, you should make sure to clean with soap and hot water before you eat.

Be smart, stay healthy. Pet the animals, then WASH YOUR HANDS! It's the best way to enjoy your Great Indiana State Fair.



HELP US...HELP THE ENVIRONMENT!

Look for designated "Green" bins to recycle your empty plastic beverage bottles and aluminum cans.

Thanks for doing your part to "Green" the Indiana State Fair.

Best Way Disposal, the official recycling company of the Indiana State Fair.



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★ HOOSIER LOTTERY GRANDSTAND ★

★ **AUGUST 7** ★

TriptoCollege.org BAND DAY
9 am Prelims - 8 pm Finals



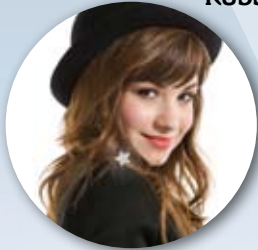
★ **AUGUST 8 & 9** ★

LUCAS OIL MOTORSPORTS WEEKEND
FEATURING THE INDY SUPER PULL



★ **AUGUST 10** ★

RUSS PARR NATIONAL RADIO SHOW
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PRESENTED BY VOICE.TV

★ **AUGUST 11** ★

SANDI PATTY'S
BROADWAY WITH THE
INDIANAPOLIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



★ **AUGUST 12** ★

MERCYME
WITH JEREMY CAMP
PRESENTED BY SHEPHERD
COMMUNITY CENTER



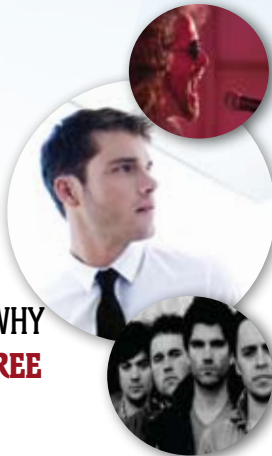
★ **AUGUST 13** ★

INDIANA MusicFest with
JON MCLAUGHLIN, THE WHY
STORE & THE ELMS - **FREE**



★ **AUGUST 14** ★

KELLY CLARKSON



★ **AUGUST 15** ★

KEITH URBAN
WITH JASON ALDEAN



★ **AUGUST 16** ★

JOURNEY
WITH HEART



★ **AUGUST 17** ★

INTERNATIONAL CIRCUS
HALL OF FAME - **FREE**



★ **AUGUST 18** ★

JASON MRAZ
WITH G. LOVE & SPECIAL SAUCE

★ **AUGUST 19** ★

OAK RIDGE BOYS
WITH LARRY GATLIN



★ **AUGUST 22** ★

CHEERLEADING
COMPETITION

★ **AUGUST 23** ★

LUCAS OIL
DEMOLITION DERBY &
FIREWORKS - **FREE**
PRESENTED BY ampm



HOOSIER  LOTTERY

Get your concert tickets at the Indiana State Fair Box Office
(317) 927-7601, all Ticketmaster locations, www.ticketmaster.com
or charge-by-phone at 1-800-745-3000.

ENTERTAINMENT — 2009

The State Fair is filled with entertainment – it's everywhere! The daily schedules in the back of this program list everything going on each day, but here's a little more detailed description of some of the great entertainers and exhibits you can see as you stroll around the grounds.

Indiana Space Travels

This exhibit, created in partnership between the Indiana State Fair and the Indiana Space Grant Consortium, celebrates the numerous and often overlooked contributions the state of Indiana has made to NASA and United States space exploration. Located in the Grand Hall all 17 days of the fair, Indiana Space Travels traces significant aeronautic Hoosiers and events dating back to 1859 with the nation's first airmail delivery originating by hot air balloon in Lafayette. The exhibit will also include a Mars roving unit; replicas of a space capsule and the Hubble Telescope; a modular mission control board; artifacts from various space missions; and daily special guests.



The Stars of the Peking Acrobats

Featuring approximately 13 acrobats from the People's Republic of China, The Stars of the Peking Acrobats combines athleticism, choreography and pageantry in a beautifully orchestrated production that has entertained crowds all over the world. There will be three performances in the Riley Fun Park each weekday of the fair and four performances on weekends.



Wind Turbine and Solar Panels

With generous support from the Indiana Office of Energy & Defense Development and Indiana Power & Light Company in partnership with Green Way Supply, the Indiana State Fair Commission has installed a residential ready wind-turbine and photovoltaic awnings (solar panels) near the Normandy Barn on the north side of the fairgrounds. These working exhibitions can educate visitors about existing alternative energy and conservation resources available to everyone.

Purina Incredible Dog Challenge

This one-of-a-kind canine competition is in its 12th year and continues to attract an incredible amount of national attention. This challenge, which will be taped and televised by ABC/ESPN, serves as the Eastern Regional Championship with winners advancing to the finals in St. Louis, Mo. The competition, Aug. 7 – 8 in Celebration Park, consists of five events: Freestyle Flying Disc, Diving Dog, Jack Russell Racing, Agility and 60 Weave-pole Racing.



Hedrick's Racing Pigs

This fun, family-oriented show features professional pig callers and their athletic swine, complete with racing silks. Audience participation is encouraged and laughs are unavoidable as the pigs race down the "ham stretch" five times a day in the Riley Fun Park.



Timberworks Lumberjack Show

Lumberjacks are hard-working folks who love to roll on logs, climb poles and throw axes for fun... and these guys sure know how to make it fun! Gather the whole family and head to Celebration Park for one of three daily shows (four on Friday and Saturday).

Dazzling Mills Family

The Mills Family knows how to balance family and work, literally. Steve is the patriarch who puts it all on his shoulders – while riding a unicycle! He's also a three-time "National Juggling Champion" who has passed along his passions to his children. This energetic family show performs August 7 – 16 all around the fairgrounds.



Slackwire Sam

Sam Johnson, aka "Slackwire Sam," brings his unique one-man comedy show to the Indiana State Fair for eight days of fun Aug. 10 – 17. An accomplished juggler, Sam also does acrobatics and other tricks, all while balancing on a slack wire. He performs three times daily in Celebration Park.



Whacky Wheeler

Rob Summerbell is the world's only "Whacky Wheeler" and has performed at more than 10,000 parades, shows and events. His unique act combines kinetics and acrobatics to create a highly entertaining show that includes audience participation and lots of laughs. The Whacky Wheeler rolls around the fair Aug. 18 – 23.



Miss America 2009 Katie Stam

Indiana's very own Katie Stam of Seymour will spend Opening Day at the Indiana State Fair Friday, Aug. 7. The former 4-Her has been coming to the fair for years, and this day she will help preside over Opening Ceremonies, conduct a Question and Answer/Autograph session at 4:30 pm and take part in the evening National City Daily Parade.



Indiana State Fair BreakDance Battle

Dancers from all over the state will "break it down" on the WFMS Free Stage Saturday, Aug. 8 from 5 to 9 p.m. The format is a 3 vs. 3 crew competition where dancers try to impress a panel of expert judges in pursuit of the \$300 first prize.

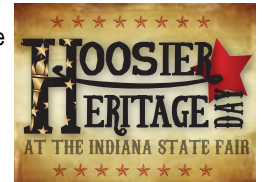


Indiana Gospel Music Association

Gospel music lovers will enjoy a great day of music Wednesday, Aug 12 from 1 to 6 p.m. in the Farm Bureau Building as Indiana Gospel Music Association members perform a variety of traditional hymns.

Hoosier Heritage Day

Thursday, Aug. 13, is Hoosier Heritage Day and will be marked by special events and presentations that will celebrate a variety of historical aspects of Hoosier living. State Fair Boulevard will be packed with displays and presentations from a number of groups, including the Indiana Historical Society, Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, Indiana State Museum, Indiana War Memorials Commission and many more. There will be barn raisings throughout the day in Pioneer Village and Indiana MusicFest, a free concert, at 7 p.m. featuring Indiana's own Jon McLaughlin, The Elms and The Why Store in the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand.



Chelsea House Orchestra

This unique orchestra from Chelsea, Michigan, consists of more than 20 young musicians playing everything from violins and flutes to bodhrans and djembes as it performs traditional Celtic and other eclectic forms of music. They will be part of the Farmers' Day Parade activities and have two other performances in the new Opry House in Pioneer Village on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

CELEBRATING INDIANA COMMUNITIES

Located in the Toyota Exposition Hall, "Celebrating Indiana Communities" is a new exhibit that will highlight various Indiana towns and cities by showcasing local culture, commerce, festivals, attractions, and destinations. In addition, the exhibit will showcase the lesser known treasures of Indiana by focusing a spotlight on each of the 92 counties. Focusing on one of eight geographic regions at a time, this exciting exhibit will change focus throughout the Fair, creating a "new" exhibit every few days!



For a daily schedule of the featured communities and what is representing your county, stop by the exhibit or visit www.indianastatefair.com. Join us in celebrating *your* community!

	District	Counties Included
Friday, August 7 Saturday, August 8	South-East	Clark, Dearborn, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Scott, Switzerland and Washington
Sunday, August 9 Monday, August 10	Northwest-Central	Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Tippecanoe, Vermillion and Warren
Tuesday, August 11 Wednesday, August 12	Southeast-Central	Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Fayette, Franklin, Hancock, Johnson, Marion, Rush, Shelby and Union
Thursday, August 13	Celebrating Indiana	State Wide
Friday, August 14 Saturday, August 15	North-East	Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Miami, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley
Sunday, August 16 Monday, August 17	Southwest-Central	Clay, Greene, Hendricks, Lawrence, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Putnam, Sullivan, and Vigo
Tuesday, August 18 Wednesday, August 19	Northeast-Central	Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Hamilton, Henry, Howard, Jay, Madison, Randolph, Tipton and Wayne
Thursday, August 20 Friday, August 21	North-West	Cass, Fulton, Lake, La Porte, Jasper, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, Saint Joseph, Starke and White
Saturday, August 22 Sunday, August 23	South-West	Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Martin, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick



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THE WONDER TRAIL

AT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR

Let the adventure begin...

1. Pick up your "Wonder Trail Kit" at any State Fair information booth. *(locations in program map)*
2. Take out the kit map and unfold the WONDER of the Indiana State Fair.
3. Keep an eye out for the GIANT magnifying glasses - they'll show you where to go.
4. Visit as many stops as you like. Stops are located all around the fairgrounds, so you can see all that the State Fair has to offer! And, be on the look-out for **Tomato Girl** on her scooter - she's full of surprises!

For more information about our educational programs, please visit:

www.thebarn.in.gov